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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS STATEMENT AT FINAL PLENARY OF
COMMON FUND NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE NETHERLANDS STATEMENT DELIVERED
DURING THE FINAL PLENARY OF THE COMMON FUND NEGOTIATING
CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS SUSPENDED DECEMBER 1, 1977:

"STATEMENT OF MR. JAN PRONK, MINISTER FOR
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS:

MR. PRESIDENT,

LISTENING TO THE STATEMENT OF MY FRIEND THORVALD
STOLTENBERG ON BEHALF OF THE NORDIC COUNTRIES WITH
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WHICH I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE, I WANT TO ADD THE
FOLLOWING.

AS YOU WILL RECALL MY GOVERNMENT AS EARLY AS MARCH 1976
STATED THAT IT SUPPORTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON
FUND AND DECLARED ITSELF PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO
SUCH A FUND DULY NEGOTIATED AND AGREED UPON.

MY GOVERNMENT DID SO AS IT BELIEVES A COMMON FUND TO BE A KEY INSTRUMENT FOR ATTAINING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES AS EMBODIED IN RES. 93(IV). MY GOVERNMENT FURTHERMORE BELIEVES THAT A POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE A DECISIVE STEP TOWARDS A NEW, MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

IN NAIROBI AS YOU WILL REMEMBER MR. PRESIDENT, I REITERATED OUR POLITICAL WILL TO BRING THIS ENTERPRISE TO A SUCCESSFUL END.

SINCE THEN THE NETHERLANDS HAVE COOPERATED IN A POSITIVE SPIRIT IN THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS AS WELL AS THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVING IN MIND THAT A COMMON FUND SHOULD FACILITATE THE SETTING UP OF NEW ICA'S WHICH, FOR SEVERAL COMMODITIES, SHOULD CONTAIN OTHER MEASURES THAN BUFFER-STOCK FINANCING. YOU CAN IMAGINE THEREFORE OUR DEEP REGRET THAT THIS TIME AGAIN IT PROVED TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE THE RESULTS WE ALL HAD HOPED FOR.

WE HAVE POLITICAL WILL, THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.

MR. PRESIDENT, WHAT IS MORE, I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE NEXT RESUMED SESSION WE NOW SEEM TO HEAD FOR WILL RUN THE RISK OF ENDING IN A DEAD LOCK IN THE SAME MANNER IF WE
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FIND NO SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEM THAT IS AT THE HEART OF THE MATTER. I REFER HERE TO THE QUESTION OF DIRECT GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS, ON WHICH A POSITIVE DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN. ONLY A COMMON FUND WITH DIRECT GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AS PART OF ITS FINANCIAL SOURCES WILL BE THE KEY INSTRUMENT WHICH WE HAD IN MIND IN CIEC.

MR. PRESIDENT, THIS WAS ALSO IF I UNDERSTOOD YOU CORRECTLY ONE OF THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF A PAPER THAT WAS CIRCULATED BY YOUR GOOD SERVICES.

IT IS FOR THIS REASON AND ... BEING MORE SPECIFIC, TO LAY A BASIS FOR THE NEXT RESUMED SESSION WHICH HAS TO BE CENTERED ON THE QUESTION OF THE DIRECT GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS, THAT I HAVE THE HONOR TO OFFICIALLY PLEDGE ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT AN INITIAL 25 MILLION DOLLAR TO THE COMMON FUND." VANDEN HEUVEL

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